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**BOYD HOSTS FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF RURAL TELECOM**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Yesterday, Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), Co-Chairman of the Cong

"Rural America cannot be left behind when it comes to national policy decisions, and this forum is a step

The Universal Service Fund is a federal subsidy program that improves access to telephone services an

Forum panelists included Fred McCallum of BellSouth, which services North Florida, as well as other rur

"Programs funded by the Universal Service Fund are very important to rural communities," Congressma

*Cong. Boyd, Co-Chair of the CRC, speaks about telecom issues in rural America*

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